## JAMES A. EDWARDS.

**One of Millington's Best Citizens—Memorial Service Held Sunday.**

The James A. Edwards' memorial services which were held Sunday, Feb. 24, 1895 in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Millington, were of a very impressive character throughout. The programme arranged by the pastor, opened with a beautiful voluntary by the choir. Then came a hymn by the congregation, and prayer by the pastor, Geo. W. Burke. Another touching selection by the choir was followed by the reading of appropriate Scriptures in which Rev. Thomas Numbers took part. Then came another hymn by the congregation when the following memorial paper was read by the pastor, Geo. W. Burke:

JAMES A. EDWARDS.

Was born in 1816, and would have passed his seventy-ninth birthday September of the current year. He was born again in 1832, in his sixteenth year, in a great revival that overswept Chestertown, and at once united in fellowship with the Methodist Episcopal Church, living therein a blameless and beautiful life to the end, covering a period of sixty-three years. In 1859 he came to Millington, where, in recognition of his "gifts, grace and usefulness" he filled every place of trust in the gift of the society save that of Exhorter and Local Preacher.

He succeeded Reese Bell in the Superintendcy of the Sunday School; and, as in every other place of trust, this department was quickened by his inspiring touch. He was always popular among the children and young people, and this proved a strong element of efficiency in this work. For several years an interesting school had been conducted in the old church. Sister Mary E. Blackiston, who is the oldest member of this Society, has held an unbroken membership in this school for sixty-five years, which cover the period of Bro. Edwards' incumbency, and in those early years the attendance was good and the interest well maintained; and under none more marked than while Bro. Edwards stood at the head of the school.

Bro. Edwards was made a leader in 1867, succeeding Bro. Cecil, who, at that time withdrew to connect himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church South; and here he developed an unusual degree of adaptability and efficiency. He was prompt, popular and helpful. Seldom did a member leave his class-room without having experienced a sweet spiritual uplift. But he was a marked success wherever he was put; and the church has sustained an irreparable loss in his death.

Bro. Edwards was constitutionally sunny, and so remained until his severe bodily ills brought their consequent mental depression. But even during his sickness gleams of his old-time cheer would occasionally break through the rifts in the gathering shadows, and mislead into the conviction that he might be restored to health again. It was unnatural for him to be gloomy. If there was sunshine in reach he found it. Indeed he was always on its guest. And his religion added to that constitutional genuineness. His was a religion of good cheer, and he always had enough to meet this craving. He was a happy Christian, and no one came from his presence with a feeling of depression while in his usual health. If others were gloomy Bro. Edwards remained cheerful and hopeful. Amid the gloom and uncertainties of business, the obliquities of the people, and the seeming impotency of the church Bro. Edwards always remained confident and hopeful. God was always with the right and it had to win.

But in his home this good man appeared at his best. This is the true test. One may not be his true self abroad, but is at home. And by this standard the worth of Bro. Edwards is strongly emphasized. His wife and sons believed in him. He had his faults, for faults are human, but under their cover there was a depth of sincerity which only increased their confidence in him. Bro. Edwards was a man "full of faith and the Holy Ghost" in his home. May his mantle fall upon the two surviving sons!

But another conspicuous trait in this good man's character was his unquestioned loyalty to his church. He believed in her doctrines and polity, and sought to conform his conduct thereto. He was a Methodist from choice, believed Methodist a child of Providence and foreordained to take a leading part in the world's betterment, and to the end he lent her his prayers, and gifts, and cooperation without stint or grudging. There was no religious news paper that could take the place of the Christian Advocate with him. It had been a weekly visitor for over fifty years, and he insisted on its continuance until God should call him home.

And Bro. Edwards was as loyal to his pastor. He had his preferences, but no word of complaint was ever heard to come from his lips against any, nor was he ever known to be a party to any secret scheme against his pastor. Every minister since 1863 has found in Bro. Edwards a friend whom he could always trust. Seldom did he lead in prayer that his pastor was not remembered, while it seemed a joy to contribute to his support. His only lament was, his limited means out of which to give; but his friendship was worth more than gold. One has said of true friendship, "it is a marvel among men," but all found it in the man whose praise is upon our lips, in this memorial service. He was one of the most hospitable friends. He would have shared the last crumb and divided the last dime.

Bro. Edwards loved all the services of the church, and was prompt in his attendance. He was regularly in his place on the Holy Sabbath, and at class, and in the week-night prayer-meeting his voice was always heard until prevented by sickness. He was in nowise governed by his feelings, but by a high sense of duty. Indeed it may be said of our departed brother that he "trampled under foot that enthusiastic doctrine" that "we are not to do good unless our hearts be free to it."

And he was entirely void of ostentation. Indeed it ran into a decided underestimation of himself. Although he gave liberally his lament was he had no more to give. He was a useful man, but it grieved him that he could not do no more, and what he gave and what he did could not be learned from his lips. There was no boasting upon the lips of Bro. Edwards, but his name in heaven will be linked with the saintly band who in earth did what they could. Sister Blackiston is right in saying his place cannot be filled. The vacancies in the official Board may be supplied, but Bro. Edwards' place cannot be filled.

The old landmarks are rapidly disappearing. Others with tottering steps walk close on the bounds of "time and space," and will soon be numbered with the "sheeted nations of the dead," a phrase we oft and again heard fall from the lips of the departed. The generations to follow will enjoy greater facilities for service; but it remains to be seen whether the achievements of this new generation with working appliances compared, will exceed those of the fathers. A sad hour to the church when these blossoming heads shall be laid away in their last earthly resting places. May a double portion of their spirit come upon their offspring! A double portion of their loyalty and love, and steadfast piety and zeal! His sorrowing widow, no doubt near the border land of eternity needs our sympathies and prayers.

Another impressive selection by the choir, when brief tributes to the memory of the deceased were spoken by Rev. Thos. Numbers, who succeeds in the Edwards' class leadership; Thos. Mallalieu, who for many years had been associating with Mr. Edwards in church and business relations; John Wiest, who spoke the S. S. department, in which the departed was actively engaged for over fifty years, when Frank Smith, on behalf of the young people of the church, as well of the community, read the following appropriate paper:

I, representing the young people of the church, feel grateful that we are offered the privilege of paying tribute in honor of the memory of Brother James A. Edwards who was, at the time of his death, the oldest member of our church.

We feel that, although it is a sad thing to lose a relation or dear one, we are glad that we can speak of the goodness of this dear friend, who has always been very dear to the young people, and at all times their friend. No matter in what trouble we may have been when we went to him we were greeted with a kindly smile and word of encouragement. In the class he was always glad to see the young members, and ever ready to give an encouraging word of help, telling them of the way to find peace and comfort in Christ. Mr. Edwards was always ready to help any one in need, ard to bestow a favor at the asking, even though the bestowing of the favor put him to inconvenience.

Mr. Edwards was a great favorite with the young and greatly enjoyed their visits to his home in his days of health and even in his last illness was always pleased whenever any of us would go in to see him. On one occasion during his last illness I called to see him, not having seen him for sometime on account of his extreme illness, though had often called, he wanted to know why I had stayed away so long. Young people always found in him more of a companion than one who was so much older and were pleased when they had an opportunity of showing to him their appreciation of his fondness for them.

Mr. Edwards was a man who was beloved by the children. They enjoyed his company and he always found pleasure in having a word to say to them, while he always held their respect and confidence. Every young person will uphold me in saying that he was a man of God, a man not afraid to speak the truth, and that he was held by us in the highest regard and confidence, as no one for a moment doubted his integrity.

He made a good fight here upon earth and has gone to reap his reward. In his death Millington has lost a most estimable citizen, and though he has gained a bright and shining crown in his heavenly home, we realize that we have lost a very dear and helpful friend from earth. Quoting the words of Mrs. Blackiston, "Though there may be many as good, there is no one who can fill his place."

We join together in extending our most sincere sympathies to the bereaved widow, who, far beyond her physical ability, tenderly and devotedly cared for her husband. May she find comfort and strength in Him who careth for all. We also extend our sympathies to his sons and other members of his family.

Now, dear young friends in the church, let us try, even though we fall short of comparing with this departed good man, that we may keep him before us as an example, and strive each day we live to grow into better men and women, that we may be qualified to fill the positions and battle with the difficulties which befall us through life.

And dear young friends who are out of the church, may you not find rest or peace until you have given your hearts and lives to Christ, and be a faithful worker for Him until, like Mr. Edwards, you and us all accomplish the reward, a crown and a seat at the right hand of Our Father in Heaven.

After this very touching letter tributes were read from Revs. E. E. White, Dr. Alfred Smith, and Wm. E. Beck, Esq., of our own territory and Rev. Drs. Major and Stubbs of the Philadelphia Conference. Mr. Beck was apprenticed to Mr. Edwards to learn the carriage-building business away back in 1842, and remained in his family until 1850, and hence was well fitted to speak strong words of Mr. Edwards' home life. Dr. Major was junior pastor of Millington circuit 47 years ago and spoke warmly of Bro. Edwards. Kindly greeting to the "Boy Preacher," and his unselfish friendship which continued through the year. Only one of that period yet remains in the church, Mrs. Mary Blackiston. The tribute of Dr. Enoch Stubbs, of Philadelphia, was full of warmth, and made the more touching by the fact that he declared it only two days prior to his own glorious ascension. Dr. Stubbs came to Millington Dec. 6, '64, and served as junior minister on the charge the coming year; and his first stop in the place was beneath the hospitable roof of the lamented dead. After the reading of this letter the following paper was read by Prof. Henry Tonkin on behalf of the Official Board:

Resolutions of the Official Board and Trustees of Asbury M. E. Church, Millington, Md., on the death of James A. Edwards:

Whereas, The Great and All-wise Providence hath seen fit to take from our midst our esteemed brother and co-laborer, James A. Edwards; and

Whereas, It is proper, right and fitting that we should indicate a sense of our loss and pay to the memory of one so consistent and faithful a worthy tribute of respect and esteem, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in Brother Edwards we had a pattern of an upright man, a diligent worker for his Master, a faithful friend, a hospitable companion, and a noble ensample of a true and consistent follower of our blessed Saviour. He was a man of strong convictions, pure in life, firm in what he conceived to be right, and fearless in the condemnation of wils of every kind.

Resolved, That in our deliberations we shall miss his counsel and practical suggestions; in our public services his rich testimonies and earnest pleadings; and in our daily walks the example of his true Christian character.

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved widow our sincerest sympathy in this hour of trial, and we pray that the presence of the Comforter may help to dry the tear and soothe the heart.

Resolved, That these resolutions be read at the memorial service; that they be entered on the minutes of both the Official Board and the Board of Trustees, and a copy of the same be handed to the widow of the deceased.

HENRY TONKIN,
J. P. AHERN, } Committee.
H. S. COOK,

After which prayer was offered by Capt. Numbers. The doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced, and thus closed on of the most touching services during the present pastorate, and the first of the kind ever held in the place.

G. W. B.

### How to Arrest a Boil or Carbuncle.

Dr. Barker writes to the Medical Summary that he had used the following procedure for several years with unvarying success: Take a large hypodermic syringe, holding say an half ounce, fitted with a small needle. Fill with a 1 to 500 solution of mercuric chloride, insert the needle into one of the peripheral opening in case it is a carbuncle, and wash out the little cavity. Then direct the needle toward and into the surrounding induration and force a little of the solution into it. Treat each opening and its corresponding peripheral circumference in the same manner, carefully washing out the necrosed connective and other tissue that have become separated. Repeat this daily with the solution, gradually reduced to one-half the original strength until all indration has disappeared and granulations have begun to appear. If the first injection be thoroughly performed, the spread of the carbuncle will be arrested at once and there will be no more pain. Washing out the little cavities is painless, but the injection into the indurated tissues is not free from pain. The same treatment is applicable to the little furuncles that invade the meatus auditorius externus and the inner surface of the alæ nasi.—Medical and Surgical Reporter.

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The County Commissioners of Kent county will meet at their office in Chestertown, TUESDAY, 5th DAY OF MARCH, 1895, 10½ o'clock A. M., and will continue to meet at the same place and hour EVERY TUESDAY for the purpose of noting transfers and correcting assessments, until the SEVENTH DAY OF MAY NEXT.

All persons who have sold or transferred any assessable property since their last sitting for said purpose, are particularly requested to attend at an early day to have their assessments corrected and adjusted.

Persons making application for transfers of property will be required to comply with the following sections of the Code, Article 81.

SEC. 19. They shall also interrogate said person on oath in reference to any acquisition or investment made by him and not already assessed, and the amount of all such acquisitions and investments shall be added to the assessable property, and if he refuses to answer, no allowance or deduction shall be made on his assessment.

AFTER TUESDAY, SEVENTH DAY OF MAY NEXT, no alterations or corrections in the assessments will be made for the present year.

TRUSTEES OF THE POOR FOR KENT COUNTY will be appointed on the second Monday—8th day—of April next.

A KEEPER OF THE STANDARDS OF WEIGHTS and MEASURES will be appointed on Tuesday, 9th day of April next.

All persons having accounts against the county are requested to present the same on or before TUESDAY, 28TH DAY OF MARCH NEXT, otherwise they will be excluded from the levy this year. All accounts chargeable to the county must be made out in a clear manner and rendered under oath.

All applications for pensions in writing, stating the circumstances of the applicant and three or more freeholders of the facts therein set forth.

N. B.—All persons neglected in assessments corrected are hereby notified that no allowance for taxes will be made in consequence of such neglect.

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